# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FAIR PRICE SHOPS FOR MINORITIES
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Union Government has directed the State Governments to reserve a certain percentage of Fair Price Shops (FPS) for allocation to the people belonging to the minority communities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the percentage of FPS reserved for the said communities, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): PDS is operated under joint responsibility of Central and State and UT Governments. The Central Government is responsible for procurement, storage and allocation of foodgrains upto the PD Centres in the States/UTs. State and UT Governments are responsible for identification of BPL families, issuance of ration cards to eligible families and distribution of foodgrains through Fair Price Shops. The State and UT Governments issue licences for FPS as per norms fixed by them. These norms may vary in different States and UTs. The Central Government has not fixed any quota for licences of fair price shops to Minority communities. This Department does not maintain details of community-wise FPS licences issued in States and UTs.